

FISCAL NOTE

SB 2897 - HB 2936

February 13, 2002

SUMMARY OF BILL: Increases the penalty for leaving the scene of a motor vehicle accident involving death or personal injury from a Class A misdemeanor to a Class E felony. The bill also increases the penalty for the offense if the person knew or should reasonably have known that death resulted from an accident from a Class E felony to a Class D felony.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$859,800*/Incarceration
Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000
Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes 15 convictions for a Class E felony will be elevated to a Class D felony and 164 Class A misdemeanors will be elevated to a Class E felony.

**Section 9-4-210, TCA, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated for operating cost, in current dollars, shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years, beginning with the year the additional sentence to be served impacts the correctional facilities population.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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